



FRIENDLY HILLS SCHOOL
"WHERE LEARNING LIVES"

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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE: "SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW"

Spring is in the air and flowers are everywhere. March was certainly a lion; however, I believe that we missed out on the lamb. But that's quite all right, because we have a plan. (okay, it didn't totally rhyme, but who cares?)

March was a busy, challenging, and productive month for all of us here at the site as well as all of you at home. Our shining stars have manifested themselves in an enormous variety of demonstrations of the multifaceted talent that composes the dynamic student body at FHS. The GATE students embarked on a journey of enlightenment to The Desert Museum. St. Patrick's Day brought a sea of green and even a few pinches here and there, luckily no one was hurt. At the end of the month we had a marvelous math night with so many parents in attendance that I almost chapped my hands with the shakes of gratitude. I will never be able to say this enough times to truly express it, but thank you all once again. As April is so quickly upon us, it's time for me, and everyone else to take a step back and get ready to *Show What You Know* (SWYK).

As our 4th and 7th graders have already experienced with the writing portion of the California Standards Tests (CST) in writing, it's testing season again! Immedi-

ately upon arrival from Spring Vacation, I will be hosting an evening designed to assist parents in assisting their children on the State and Federal Testing. Mark your calendars, April 13, 2004. We will be discussing simple and practical strategies to improve your son or daughter's performance on the testing battery.

April will be consumed by testing. We start on the 19th and will have until the end of the month to complete all of the testing. Please, make sure that your son or daughter attends everyday, even if it's only for the testing time. It is of the



utmost importance that every student has the opportunity to "Show What They Know" on the test.

Please, come on the 13th to find out how students can *Show What You Know*!

One more time for the beginning of the month, thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Dates of Interest

- 4/1 Monthly Awards Assemblies
- 4/1 Mc Donald's Night 5-7 pm
- 4/4 Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring forward)
- 4/5-9 Spring Break
- 4/13 FHEA @ 6:30 pm
- 4/15 3rd Grade Circus and School-wide Fundraiser 5:30 pm
- 4/19 STAR Testing Begins
- 4/23 Teacher/Parent Conferences



Library News...

Paddington Pals for March

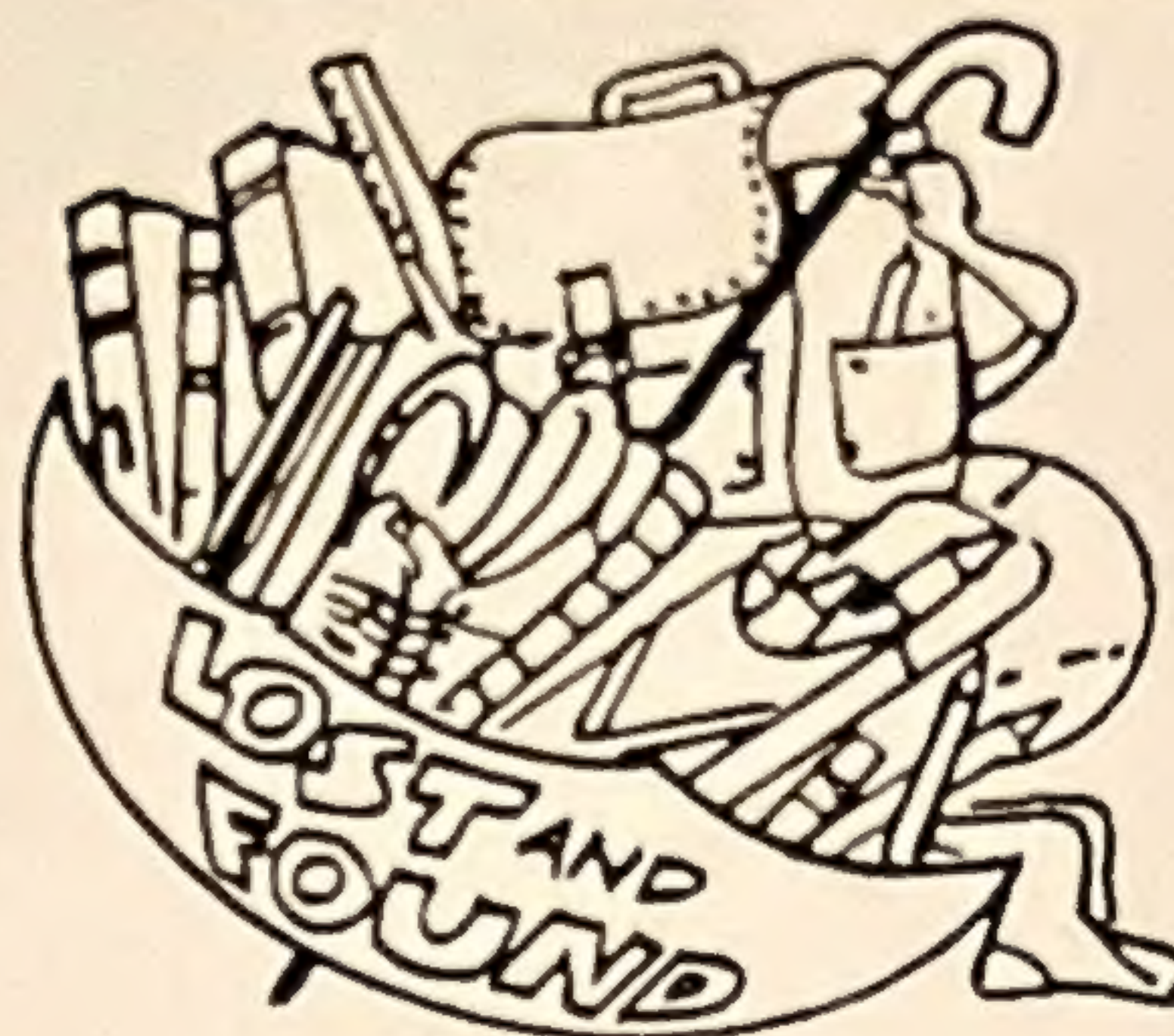
Katelynn Giffin	Mrs. Candelaria (K)
Mikayla Aguilar	Mr. Hesse (1)
Jacob Prusso	Ms. Subriar (2)
Nick Cushman	Mrs. Tilson (3)
Mallery Cota-Vasquez	Mrs. Mitz (4)
Ryan Bishop	Mrs. Reed (5)
Brianna Prekop	Mrs. Leal (6)

*Until next month, keep on reading,
Mrs. K. and dear Paddington*



**Even a woodpecker owes his success to
the fact that he uses his head.**

LOST AND FOUND



The school "Lost and Found" is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts and lunchpails. We've been reminding students to check it and claim their belongings. Parents, please feel free to drop by the school, anytime, and check the "Lost and Found" for missing items. Any unclaimed items by the time we close for Spring Break will be donated to local charities or disposed of.

**Please call the school
at 366-3812
every time your child
is absent to clear his
or her attendance.**

100 MILE CLUB...

STAR testing

April 19

through

April 28

Our students and even some of our staff members are keeping their running shoes warmed up. Congratulations to Melissa Phelps, grade 5, our second student to reach the 100-mile goal. Take a look at our "Wall of Fame" in the cafeteria for just how far they're walking and running. So, keep those track shoes moving and get your 100-mile club book stamped at your running recesses.



FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The Friendly Hills Elementary Association each year elects new members to serve as officers of this important organization. Officers include, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. F.H.E.A. would welcome individuals who are interested in serving in one of the above positions. If you have an interest in serving in one of these positions or just getting involved, please come to the next meeting on April 13. Here are just a few of the exciting accomplishments so far this year.

- Providing funds for every class to take field trips or purchase extra supplies
- Raising funds to help send all our 6th grade students to science camp.
- Providing at least one school-wide student assembly.

The group has just added a cotton candy machine to their cache of supplies. Along with warmer days that prompt the use of the sno-cone machine, we will be able to now provide cotton candy, popcorn and sno-cones. The students love these special "goodie" recesses a couple of days a month and these fundraisers add monies to our fieldtrip fund without being an expensive treat for students.

McDonald's Principal's Night is upon us from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 1.

Join us for this fun family night.

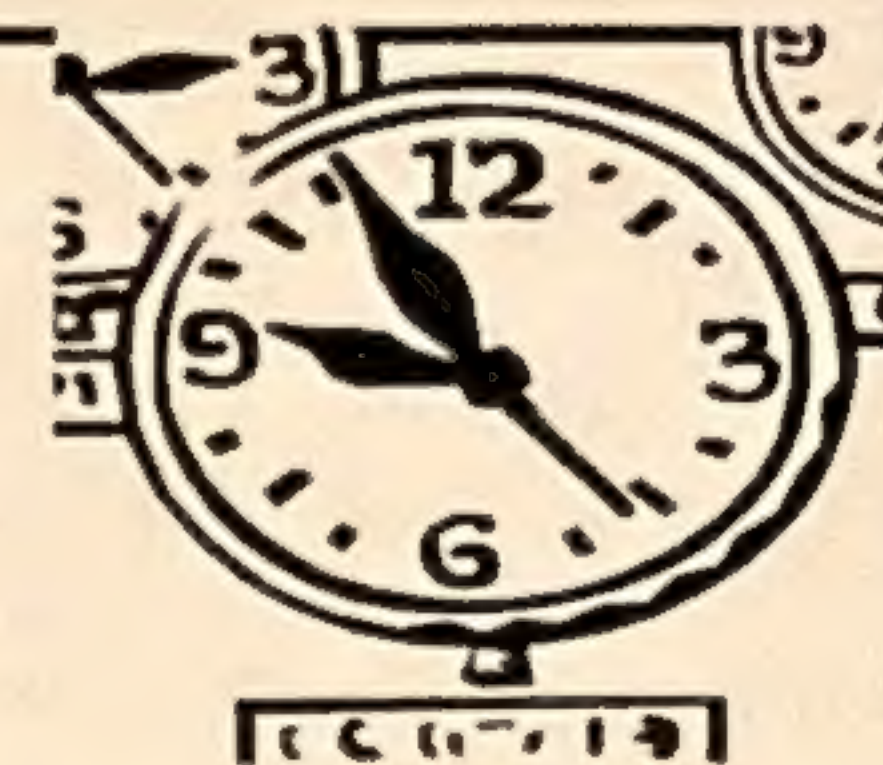
Please consider joining us at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.



DRESS CODE REMINDERS...

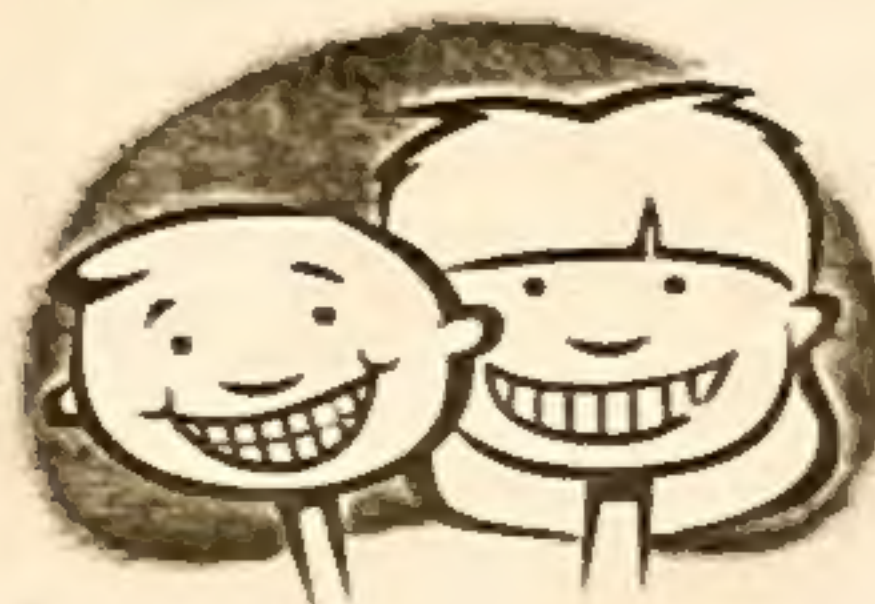
With the spring time weather upon us, it's time for a few quick reminders from the parent/student handbook regarding the dress code. The following items are not allowed at school.

- Open toed or open healed sandals or thongs are not allowed as they can result in serious foot injury (the toes must be covered by the make of the shoe along with a strap securing the shoe on the back of the foot).
- Short shorts, spaghetti straps (straps must be a minimum of 1" wide or another shirt worn underneath), crop tops, extremely baggy pants...are not allowed and are inappropriate school attire as they become distractions in the classroom.



Don't forget to move your clocks forward early Sunday morning, 4/4.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks and make somebody's day.



PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF ANY OF YOUR EMERGENCY CARD INFORMATION CHANGES.... WE NEED CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS, CONTACTS, ETC.

Congratulations to our MUSD Science Fair Winners.....

(these Friendly Hills students won at the District level and those in 1st place will represent Morongo Unified at the County Science Fair level)

First Place: David Cuyno

"Reaction Time" (Experiment)

First Place: James Reed

"Fire Proof Paper" (Experiment)

Second Place: Lauren Schmelling

"Goat Head 3000 Sticker Picker Upper" (Invention)

Second Place: Andy Hesse

"Mission Impossible" (Experiment)



Unforgettable Student Writings.....

The Death in Elf Ville by Ian Hubbard (Ms. Williams)

Once upon a time there were elves. They were good archers. They were led by a powerful leader elf, Legolas. Legolas' strongest guard was named Lance. He was the strongest guard that Legolas had. He was tough. All the elves who lived in Elf Ville are vicious.

One day some Orcs came to rule Elf Ville. The Orcs' leader was named Yacanew. Yacanew rode a big 19 foot dog. One elf went to Legolas' shrine. 15 minutes later, Legolas came out with two long daggers and a bow and arrows. The arrows were homemade.

Legolas shot an Orc in the head with an arrow. That is when the war began. Orcs were slashing some elves. While ten elves were shooting fire arrows, they got the fire from the torches in Elf Ville.

The Orcs' leader Yacanew was mad. So his dog ran over some elves. Legolas shot the dog in the eyes and head. Lance slashed more than three Orcs. Later on, three Ring Wraths came. Legolas shot them with fire arrows.

Five more Ring Wraths came. More than five hundred and fifty elves shot all the Ring Wraths. No more Ring Wraths came. All the elves started slashing the Orcs like crazy. There were about 100 Orcs left.



All the elves shot all the Orcs down and only one more Orc was left...it was Yacanew. All the elves started to shoot Yacanew. About 100 arrows

were in Yacanew. He still did not die. One Ring Wrath came to Elf Ville to help Yacanew. Yacanew jumped on it and Legolas shot it five times in the head. The Ring Wrath died. It was about a hundred feet high when the Ring Wrath died. Yacanew died too. The Elves won! More than 335 elves died but Elf Ville was saved.



More Unforgettable Student Writings.....

My Paradise Life by Katie Mathen (Mrs. Mitz)

As the wind beats on the shore, the sun slowly goes down. Barefoot, I walk down the shore. As I walk, I see seals playing in the surf. I look for shells and find thousands. I finally find a sand dollar. I finally have to go home but don't want to go away and wish I could stay forever! As I start to daydream, my wish comes true and I feel like I'm in paradise. But my paradise life goes away and I suddenly wake up. As I



wake up I realize it was only a dream. I want it to on forever but it can't, so I get in the truck and fall asleep...and go back to paradise.



My Shoe... by Hanah Miller (Mrs. Mitz)

Something's weird about my shoe.
It changes from red to yellow -
I don't know what to do.
When I go left, it goes right.
It feels 102 Fahrenheit.
Something's weird about my shoe
Help me now -
I don't know what to do.



If I Were the Principal by Mrs. Mitz's 4th Graders

If I were the principal, I would change two things about the school.

First I would try to get more money for fieldtrips, so the kids can learn about life and be more educated.

Next, I would shorten the day by 45 minutes so the kids can be more relaxed. Maybe some kids have sports to go to.

That's what I would do if I was the principal.

By Brandon McEachern

I wish I were the principal. If I were, I'd change two things.

First, I would give the kids less homework but still some. That way, the kids will be able to live there own life. Some kids might have sports after school and their parents won't let them go because they did not finish their homework. Trust me, that happens.

Secondly, I think we should have sports recesses again. It would be more fun. We could even try to make up a few new games.

Now you know that I would do if I were the principal.

By Amanda Ambrosias



If I were the principal, I would do two things differently. I would change the equipment to make it bigger because people get bored.

Next I would make it so there was no homework. Then kids won't stress. So, if I were the principal, those are some of the things I would do.

by Ryan Sniffin

If I were the principal, I would change two things about the school. First thing I would do is build a larger parking lot. The parking lot should be larger so people won't get in a wreck. Another reason why the parking lot should be bigger is because there will be more room for cars.

Secondly, I think we should do more family programs. We should have more family programs because you can have fun with your family. Also, because you can raise money for the school.

Maybe someday I will even be a great principal and if I become one then I will add these things to my long, long, long list of things to do for the school.

By Leanna White

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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

**Check out our school
web site at
<Morongo.k12.ca.
us/schools/morfhe>**

Our Story

Friendly Hills School was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students, and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school.

Each year new parent members come onto our School Based Management Council. If you would like the chance to be a part of this group, please contact Mr. Papp.

This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

The group did not meet this past month, however, we continue to work on the site budget and areas to spend our Title I and SIP dollars.

The committee continues to work on our school plan for next year. Some outstanding discussions have produced plans for visiting other high achieving schools to find new ideas for our school.

In the coming months the group will be reviewing the results of the upcoming parent survey and putting together a new plan for next year.

It's time for new members, come get involved.



Friendly Hills School

Honor Roll

1st Semester

7th Grade

Sean Dittmer
Sarah Reed

8th Grade

Logan Aguilar
Kourtney Chinen
Kimberly Downes
Andrew Farison
Candace Goebel
Sierra Virden
Dakota Westlake

Congratulations!

School Service Award: 1st Quarter

Peter Nagy - Tutor for Mr. Hesse
John Richards - Tutor for Mrs. Friedman
Kimberly Downes - Tutor for Mrs. Bernardini
Lindsey Longshore - Tutor for Mrs. Tilson
Dakota Westlake - Office Helper
Steven Doran - School Beautification
Sierra Virden - School Beautification
Gabba Evaro - School Beautification
Logan Aguilar - Tutor for Mrs. Mann
Chris Arbuckle - Web Design
Jerry Suddreth - Tutor for Mrs. Hesse

School Service Award: 2nd Quarter

Sarah Reed - Tutor for Mrs. Seacat
Shanteal Nazario - Tutor for Mrs. Friedman
Kai-lee Rhodes - Tutor for Mrs. Bernardini
Daniel Hernandez - Tutor for Mrs. Winchell
Brandon Sixkiller - Tutor for Mrs. Feltges
Ashley Thallas - Tutor for Mrs. Mann
Lindsey Longshore - Tutor for Mrs. Tilson
Ashley Malone - Tutor for Mrs. Mitz
Halee Hollan - Tutor for Mrs. Hesse
Jeff Adams - School Beautification
Logan Aguilar - School Beautification

Outstanding School Service: 1st Semester

Logan Aguilar - Outstanding 8th grader
Kai-lee Rhodes - Outstanding 7th grader

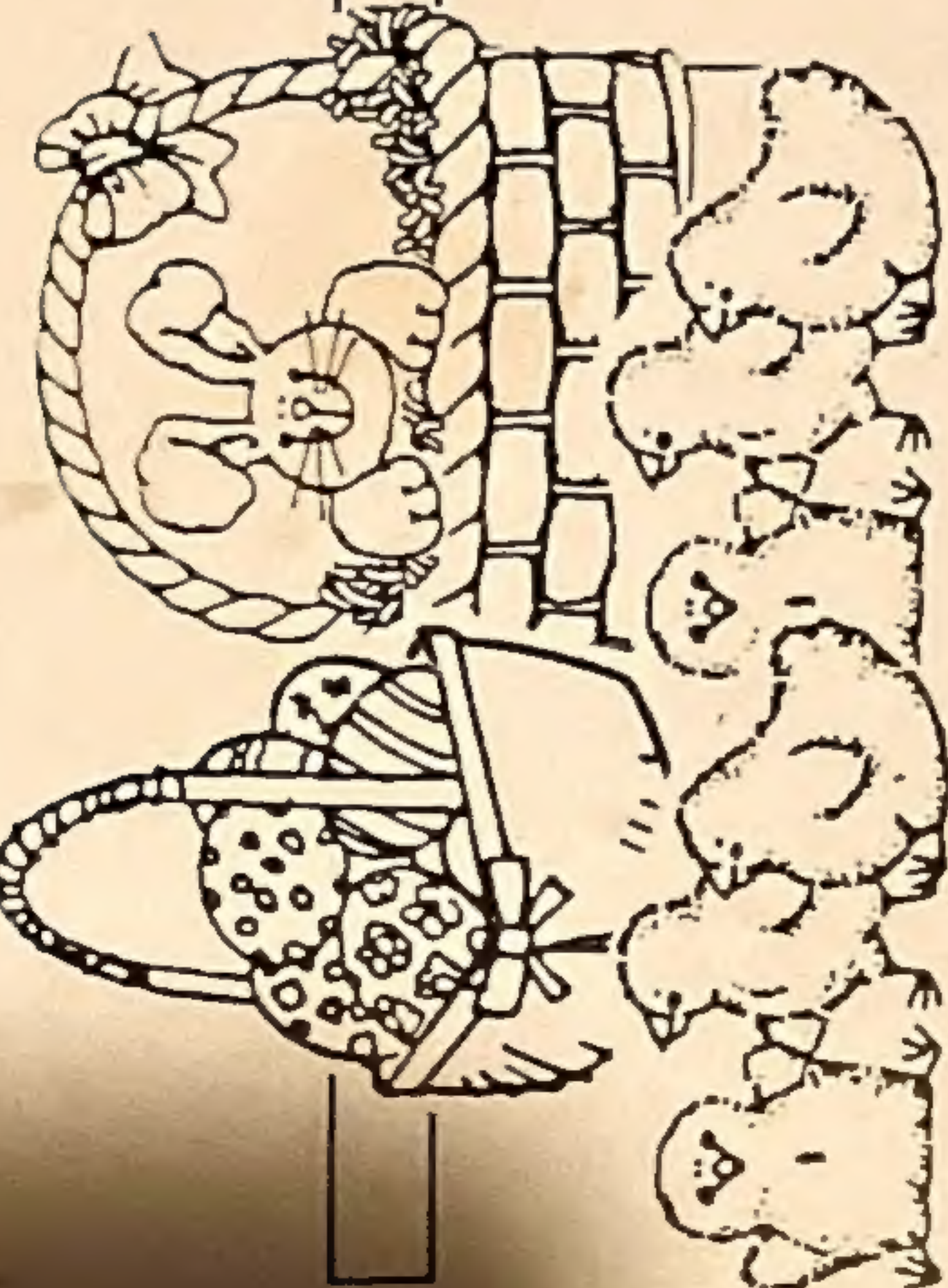
Outstanding Junior High Students

Kai-lee Rhodes (7th) Steven Doran (8th) - Citizenship
Sarah Reed (7th) Sierra Virden (8th) - Principal Award (All A's)
Jackie Webb (7th) Nick Siebert (8th) - Algebra
Sean Dittmer (7th) Logan Aguilar (8th) - Science
Shanteal Nazario (7th) Dakota Westlake (8th) - Social Studies
Sarah Reed (7th) Sierra Virden (8th) - Writing
Ashley Malone (7th) Kyle Fleischmann (8th) - Physical Education
Nate McPherson (7th) Kourtney Chinen (8th) - Effort
Daniel Hernandez (7th) Chris Arbuckle (8th) - Most Improved



February Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Becca Line	Sydney Boling	Luis Casteneda	Tia Jones
Mrs. Candelaria	Mikayla Heller	Dovian Delgado	Sierra Kahrs	D'Isreal Cardona
Mr. Chambless	Carson King	Cody Heyen	Andrew Kasten	Katelynn Oullette
Mrs. Feltges	Evan Garcia		Spencer Spann	
Mrs. Friedman	Bo Bonem	James Reed	Chris Porro	Arthur White
Mr. Hesse	Joey Colegio	Reece Nielsen	Karson Scaccione	Christy Meyer
Mrs. Hesse	Adriana Arizmendis	Sarah Mason	Noah Boone	Evelyn Moore
Mrs. Leal	Hannah Edge	Felisha Holmes	Cody Bryant	David Cuyno
Mrs. Mann	Gage Brenneman	Annetta Nilsen	Louis Moore	Joe Robertson
Mrs. Mitz	Erik Peters	Kayla Roland	Jake Bigornia	Emery Mello
Mrs. Reed	Ashley Aarup	Quynten Pio	Tanner Yakutis	Felicia McChristian
Mrs. Reid-Laubenstein	Lucas Cushman	Ashley Johnson	Joey Cresce	Dylan Tandoi-Garr
Mrs. Seacat	Ryan Mulholland	Jorgey Dael	Jessy Dael	Illyssa Wightman
Mrs. Strader	Nick Aguilar	Jimmy Burke	Kristen DeWitt	Sierra Bernardini-Smith
Ms. Subriar	Brianna Scott	Tristen Smith	Mackenzie Barrett	Jordan Chartier
Mrs. Tilson	Brandie Suppa-Brandt	Matt Rucker	Josey Dael	Dominique Coleman
Ms. Watsabaugh	Adam Brady		John David Farr	Adam Brady
Ms. Williams	Ian Hubbard	Sam Bailey	Billy Brown	Cody Lang
Mrs. Winchell	Jacquelyn Adams	Isaiah Johnson	Sam O'Melia	Courtney Yakutis






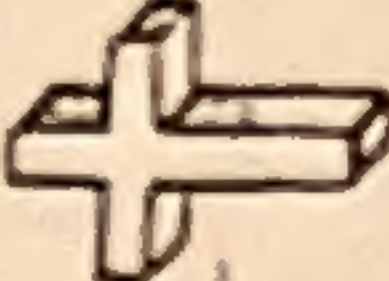














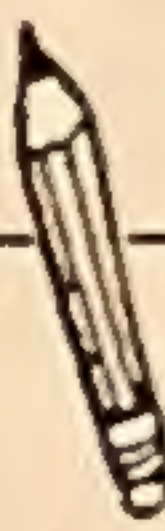
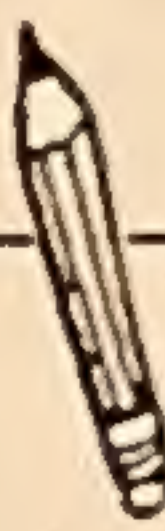
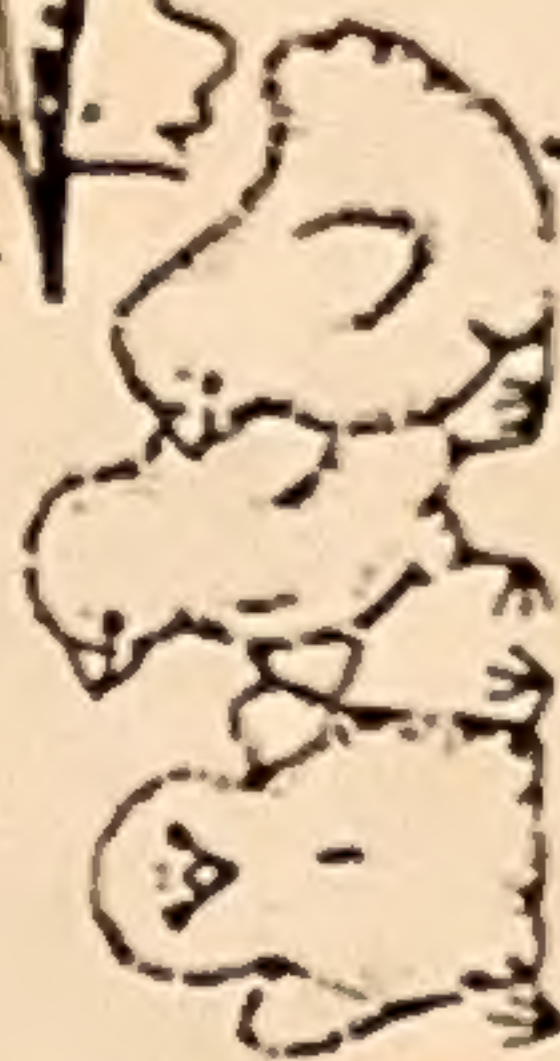

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4 Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward) 	5  SPRING BREAK	6 Passover  SPRING BREAK BOE Mtg @ 7 pm	7 SPRING BREAK	8 SPRING BREAK	9 Good Friday  SPRING BREAK	10
11 Easter Sunday 	12  STAR Testing Begins	13  FHEA (parent group) @ 6:30 pm	14  County Science Fair (Orange Show Fairgrounds) Testing Continues 	15 3rd gr. Circus (2 assemblies)  Circus Midway Fundraiser 5:30-6:30 3rd gr. Circus performance @ 6:30	16 Disaster Drill @ 10 a.m.  Jump Rope for Heart @ 2 p.m. 	17
18  STAR Testing Begins	19  STAR Testing Begins	20 Testing Continues  Staff Meeting @ 3:45 BOE Mtg @ 7 pm (JTES)	21 County Science Fair (Orange Show Fairgrounds) Testing Continues 	22 2nd gr. Trip to Black Rock 9:40-3:00 Testing Continues 	23 Teacher/Parent Conference Day (no school for students) 	24
25	26 STAR Testing Continues 	27 Testing Continues 	28 Testing Continues	29 	30 	

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Awards Assemblies
(K-3 @ 9:40, 5-6 @ 10:15,
K-2 @ 2:30)

McDonald's Principal's Night 5-7 pm

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End of 3rd Quarter

1st gr. Trip to Living Desert 8:45-3:20
4th gr. Trip to Big Morongo Preserve 9:45-1:15

